

**Our covenant missionaries, Nan McCurdy and Miguel Mairena, report on their work over the last four months and into the future:**

Dear Friends,

We work closely with the Disaster Response Task Force in the Cal-Pac Conference and we have participated in many trainings and in two Western Jurisdiction Disaster Academies. With the hurricanes and fires there is a great need for Emergency Response Teams. Miguel finished his ERT certification in August and was part of the first ERT after Hurricane Harvey to the Rio-Texas Conference. Together with Twelve others from Cal-Pac and Desert Southwest he worked with home-owners on five homes over nine days in the area of Victoria, Texas.

The pastor at the church where they stayed said “These homes were already a disaster due to poverty and unemployment; the hurricane just made the problems visible to others”.

They put tarp over roofs and around walls that would otherwise continue to deteriorate with each rain. They pulled out everything that was mold-laden like carpet, dry-wall, some furniture and some drop-ceiling. Miguel got to know the residents and said they were extremely grateful. In a year, or two or three UMC construction teams will help families rebuild their homes. There are so many families with this need – people who didn’t have insurance. Construction VIM teams are still working on homes damaged by Hurricane Sandy!

Sometime next year we will begin a new assignment in Latin America. We hope to be able to share with you soon where that will be!! We hope you will continue your Covenant!

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